

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Northway Airport – Permanent Repairs

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to fund the Permanent Repairs to Northway Airport in Northway, Alaska. Funding would be provided in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended. FEMA is proposing to fund 75 percent of the cost of this project through the Public Assistance Program, under the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe storms and flooding, FEMA-DR-1440-AK.

FEMA prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), #13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated include (1) Permanent Repairs to bring the airport in compliance with current FAA design standards (Runway, Taxiway/Taxilane, and Apron Rehabilitation; Safety Improvements; Airport Lighting and Navigation Aids; and Northway Road Abandonment, Realignment and Construction) (NOTE: This alternative will require transporting about 250,000 cubic yards (about 14,000 truck trips) of material from a gravel pit near Northway Junction to the project site) and (2) no action.

This notice will constitute as the final notice as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA and issue a FONSI and fund the project.

The draft EA is available for review on October 5, 2005 at the following locations:

Northway Village Council
PO Box 516
Northway, AK 99764
Contact: Daisy Northway

Northway Post Office
PO Box 9998
Northway, AK 99764
Contact: Postmaster

Northway Airport Lodge
PO Box 410
Northway, AK 99764

Alaska DOT&PF, Northern Region
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709
Contact: Ryan Anderson

The EA is also available for review online at the FEMA environmental website at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed to Mark Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021 or by e-mail to mark.eberlein@dhs.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2005.